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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD OF REDUCING WAFER
CONTAMINATION BY REMOVING
UNDER-METAL LAYERS AT THE
WAFER EDGE

Examiner: Edward J. Wojciechowicz

Group Art Unit: 2815

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT DATED JULY 28, 2004**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 28, 2004, for which the one-month date for response is August 28, 2004.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-18, *i.e.*, the Group II claims.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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